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HIV is a significant threat to the Latino community. In addition to being disproportionately affected by HIV, we continue to be disadvantaged due to our status as a minority, economically and because of our language.

Harm reduction strategies in the United States attempt to address many of our issues, but sometimes fall short in that they have not taken into account the differences in our cultures, values, and other factors that are sometimes unique to our communities.

This workshop will focus on:

The history, cultural heritage and the language of harm reduction

Effective strategies and techniques for reaching out to the communities

A look at the effects and stigma associated with substance use and HIV, care giving and generational issues in the community

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